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REF: (A) STATE 133641; (B) STATE 138353; (C) STATE 141421;

(D) STATE 166436; AND (E) HONG KONG 6529

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO REVIEW OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CLEARANCE PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES, SO THAT WE MAY BE SURE THAT WE ARE ACTING IN CONFORMITY WITH THE INTENTIONS OF THE IATF.

2. THE DEPARTMENT HAS INSTRUCTED THAT VISAS FALCON PROCEDURES ARE NOT NECESSARY FOR HONG KONG IN THOSE CASES IN WHICH INS SCREENING HAS BEEN INITIATED. WE UNDERSTAND "INS SCREENING" TO MEAN THE SUBMISSION TO INS/CO WASHINGTON, DC OF FORM G-325A FOR EACH PERSON AGE 16 OR OVER. AS THE TASK FORCE IS AWARE INS CONSIDERS THIS CHECK TO HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE IF THE SENDING OFFICE HAS NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE WITHIN 40 DAYS. IN REF E WE ASKED THE TASK FORCE IF THIS PERIOD WAS GOING TO BE REDUCED AND IN REPLY THE TASK FORCE STATED (REF B) THAT THE TASK FORCE WILL NOTIFY THE POST IMMEDIATELY UPON THE RECEIPT OF THE CLEARANCES AND A TWO WEEK PERIOD FOR REPLY WAS ESTIMATED. THE FORMS G-325 WERE SENT TO INS/CO IN THE PERIOD MAY 21 THROUGH JUNE 1 SO THAT THE LATEST WAS SENT 45 DAYS AGO. UP TO NOW WE HAVE RECEIVED ONLY ONE SPECIFIC SPECIAL INTEREST CLEARANCE ON THE BASIS OF A G-325.

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3. THEREFORE, WE QUESTION DOES THE TASK FORCE INTEND TO INFORM US

OF EACH SPECIFIC CLEARANCE AND IF SO WHEN, OR DESPITE REF B, CAN WE ASSUME THAT ALL OF OUR G-325 SUBMISSIONS HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE AND THAT WE MAY PROCEED TO ISSUE PAROLE LETTERS TO CASES PROCEEDING TO A SPONSOR IN CONUS AS IS IMPLIED IN REF C. IF THIS IS THE CASE WE WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE APPROXIMATELY 175 PEOPLE AS SOON AS THEY HAVE COMPLETED THEIR MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

4. IF WE MAY PROCEED TO ISSUE PAROLE LETTERS TO SPONSORED CASES HOW DO WE HANDLE NON-SPONSORED CASES DESTINED TO PROCEED DIRECTLY TO A CAMP. DOES THE TASK FORCE WANT INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF FAMILY GROUPS WITH AGES AND SEXES, ELIGIBLE TO PROCEED TO CAMPS OR WILL HONG KONG BE TOLD TO SEND A CERTAIN NUMBER OF PERSONS TO A SPECIFIED CAMP.
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